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| BILL ANALYSIS |

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| H.B. 960 |
| By: Howard |
| Public Education |
| Committee Report (Unamended) |

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| **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE** There are concerns that school nurses, while often equipped to detect signs of a concussion suffered by a student engaged in athletic activities, are unable to have a potentially concussed student removed from participation in the activities. H.B. 960 seeks to address these concerns by providing for a school nurse to remove a concussed or potentially concussed student from certain athletic activities on the basis of a school nurse's belief that the student may be concussed.  |
| **CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT**It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision. |
| **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY** It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution. |
| **ANALYSIS** H.B. 960 amends the Education Code to require a public school student to be removed from an interscholastic athletics practice or competition immediately if a school nurse believes the student might have sustained a concussion during the practice or competition. |
| **EFFECTIVE DATE** On passage, or, if the bill does not receive the necessary vote, September 1, 2019. |